IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of

Examiner: DINESH MELW

KENNITH SMITH

Group Art Unit 3677

Serial No.

09/943,533

Certificate of Facsimile

Filed August 30, 2001

I hereby certify that this Petition for Extension of Time transmitted via facsimile to 1-703-872-9327 to the attention of Examiner Dinesh N. McIwani on this 19th day of August, 2003.

For **RUBBER BAND**

RETAINER APPARATUS

Attorney Docket No. ALL.P. US000

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME **PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.136(a)**

Via facsimile to 1-703-872-9327

Attention: Examiner Dinesh N. Melwani

Sir:

Applicant's attorneys hereby request an extension of time, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), to allow the filing of Applicant's enclosed Amendment B - Response to Final Rejection Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 to the subject application within the third month after the shortened statutory period.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$930.00 to cover the fee as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(3) and, in addition, to charge any deficiencies or credit any excess respecting filing of this Petition for Extension of Time to Account No. 18-0987.

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Respectfully submitted,

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